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JAPAN LANDS TROOPS AT COREA WHICH LOOKS AS THOUGH WAR MAY FOLLOW

Situation Has Reached Fearful Tension, and an Outbreak of Hostilities Is Expected by the Powers.

American Marines Land to Protect United States Legation and Others Will Follow—This Action Considered by London to Mean That Washington Expects War—Appears That Crisis Has Reached Breaking Point.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Herald cables as follows:

"Eight thousand Japanese troops are ready to land at Mesampho and their landing will probably mean war. A regiment of Cossacks is expected to arrive at Port Arthur. Reserves are being removed from the Blagoveshensk capitol of Amur province, in eastern Siberia to Tsitsihar, in Manchuria. The position of the troops in Manchuria is being arranged, but their locations are kept secret.

AMERICAN MARINES ON HAND

Arrive to Protect Interests of United States in Case of War.

Seoul, Corea, Jan. 5.—A detachment of 35 marines from the United States steamer Vicksburg, now lying at Chemulpo, arrived here yesterday as a guard for the American legation. Another body of 70 marines will arrive tomorrow. The United States transport Zaphir is also at Chemulpo, where Russia, Japan and Great Britain have each one man of war.

Quiet prevails here, but the palace is heavily guarded by the Korean army. The movements of the Japanese troops and fleet are unknown here. The attitude of the Korean government is unchanged. Solitude is shown as to what may happen on the arrival of the Japanese troops.

LONDON PRESS COMMENTS.

Approves Stand Taken by the United States in Sending Marines.

London, Jan. 6.—"Nobody will suspect a captain of an American man-of-war of being a scheming alarmist," says the Standard editorially this morning.

This sentence expresses the view taken by the press of Great Britain of the grave condition of things in the far

east as revealed by the fact that the United States finds it necessary to send marines to Seoul for the protection of American interests. While it is still hoped a peaceful issue may be found this action is held to indicate that the view of the situation taken at Washington is that the crisis is drifting rapidly to the danger point. The action of the United States in generally approved. The morning Post says editorially:

"The landing of American marines proves that the United States is not watching for an eastern imbroglio without intelligent interests."

The daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent says: "The outlook is very warlike. The people are commenting on the absence of Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, from public functions for the last few days."

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The semi-official koelische Zeitung, in publishing the news that the German far eastern squadron had been ordered to concentrate at Tsinchou, says:

"The vital political interests of Russia and Japan are clashing so sharply that the yielding of either country would mean the abandonment of those interests. The die must soon be cast."

RUSSIA CONCEDES MUCH

But Japan Insists Upon Full Demands Made.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—In reply to Japan, Russia made great concessions, and hopes her proposals will prove acceptable to Japan. The foreign office informed the Associated Press today that instructions had been sent to Viceroy Alexiff, on which the reply was based. The latter was drawn up in the most conciliatory spirit. Some of the Japanese proposals were accepted, while others were made the subject of extended observations and were met

by counter proposals. There are strong hopes in many circles that Thursday next, the Russian Christmas, the czar may be able to announce that peace is assured.

The flurry on the bourse yesterday is explained by bankers as being due to the annual settlement of operations and they add that it was wholly un-influenced by the far eastern situation.

The statement made by the foreign office at St. Petersburg to the Associated Press today regarding the instructions sent to Viceroy Alexiff was communicated to the British foreign office and to the Japanese legation here. They both expressed pleasure at the fact that Russia had evinced such a friendly attitude, but they said no definite conclusions could be drawn until the nature of the counter proposals was known. The Japanese legation reiterated that the cardinal points of the Japanese proposals admitted of no counter proposals and said that if any important point were included among those accepted there was a possibility of reaching a settlement by further negotiations.

PROTECT RUSSIAN INTERESTS.

Rifle Regiment Dispatched to Scene of Disturbance.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—A semi-official dispatch to the news agency from Vladivostok and private information from Mukden state, that owing to disturbances between Koreans and Japanese in Corea, the Russian second rifle regiment, at its full strength, has been dispatched to Corea in order to protect Russian interests there.

IN FOR WOOD CRIPPLE DIES

Minority Prepares Brief in Reply to Senator Eoraker.

Brings Out Testimony of Witnesses Calculated to Injure His Prospects.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The views of the minority of the senate committee on military affairs, protesting against the confirmation of General Leonard Wood to be a major general have been prepared in the form of a brief to be used when the reports of the committee are presented for action by the senate in executive session. The brief follows the testimony introduced before the senate committee on investigation, directing the attention of the senators to passages in the testimony and emphasizing the charges made before the committee. It is declared that most of the important matters brought out in the hearing came to the public's knowledge subsequent to General Wood's promotion to be brigadier general.

These assertions are made for the purpose of meeting the argument of Senator Eoraker. He argues that the objections to General Wood's advancement should have been made when President McKinley had under consideration the matter of promoting him to be a brigadier general.

LODGE HOLDS SENATE FLOOR.

Massachusetts Senator Upholds Panama Situation.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Practically the entire session of the senate today was devoted to a speech by Lodge on the situation on the isthmus of Panama. He discussed the abstract question of the right of the president to recognize the independence of the new nation and concluded such a prerogative pertains exclusively to the office of the chief executive. Lodge argued that our intervention in Panama had been only in the interest of peace and contended that the president had not gone a step beyond what propriety called for.

The conclusion of the speech was devoted to the political aspect of the situation. In that connection he referred to speeches made at a democratic banquet in New York last night.

REPORT OF THE ASYLUM.

Superintendent Tells of the Conditions Before Trustee Board.

Salem, Jan. 5.—The board of trustees of the insane asylum held the regular monthly meeting for the month of December, at which time Superin-

tendent Calbreath submitted his report covering that period.

Dr. Calbreath reports the general health of the inmates of the institution as being good, with the exception of two cases of typhoid fever, in ward 29. "Every effort," he says, "is being made to discover the source of the infection and to prevent any further developments." The death rate for the month has been small.

"The farm work for the month," says the superintendent, "has consisted of plowing, repairing of fences, graveling driveways, hauling slabwood, gathering vegetables, etc."

"The mechanics have worked on the hog barn, new closed cottage and general repairs."

"The contractor has finished the new closed cottage and the new dining-room hall at the cottage farm, and they will be ready for occupancy as soon as they can be furnished and a sewerage system constructed. We are preparing to put in a large septic tank for this purpose."

"The earnings of keeping of Alaskan insane for the quarter ending December 31 amounts to \$2300.82."

The statistical report shows an increase of nine patients in the institution over the previous month, the total number on December 31 being 1349. It also shows that the per capita monthly expense was \$10.518.10, and the daily per capita \$3 93-100.

Fleet to Receive Orders.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 5.—The Atlantic training squadron composed of the Minneapolis, Columbus, Yankee and Hartford, received orders today to proceed to Guantanamo, where further orders would await its arrival.

BRUTALLY ATTACKED BY UNKNOWN PERSONS AND SUCCUMBS.

Struggle Occurs at His Home at Night and Mystery Surrounds Entire Affair.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Jan. 5.—Fred Gale, who was found in his room about 8 o'clock Friday morning badly beaten up and half dazed, died at 1:25 this morning from the effects of the injuries he received. There is some mystery connected with the affair, which as yet has not been solved.

Gale attended a dance given in the Masonic hall, and at the close was accompanied home by friends, who left him about midnight. Not appearing at the usual time next morning, his friends made an investigation, and found him in bed in a helpless condition and dazed. The room gave evidence of having been the scene of a struggle; his clothing was scattered around promiscuously on the floor, blood spattered on the floor in many places, his face was badly beaten up, also his body, which bore the marks of a boot heel on the chest. He was able to give only a meager report of what happened, and this was to the effect that some one entered his room during the after part of the night and struck him in the face repeatedly and grabbed him and pulled him out of bed on the floor, after which he lost consciousness.

The county sheriff is here investigating the affair, and it is quite likely that some revelations will be unearthed before long.

The deceased was born in Minneapolis, Kan., was 44 years of age, was a harnessmaker by trade, having located in Cottage Grove about three years ago. He had recently sold out, and after taking a trip to California, returned to this place and was preparing to open a cigar stand. He was a cripple, having been thrown from a horse when young, receiving injuries to the spine, from which he never recovered, the lower limbs being paralyzed, necessitating his using an invalid's chair as a means of moving about.

Shrinkage of Earnings.

New York, Jan. 5.—The dividend of the United States Steel Corporation common stocks was passed today at the quarterly meeting of the directors today, but the regular 1% was declared on preferred stock. At a previous quarterly meeting, the common dividend was cut from a four to a two percent basis.

A statement of earnings for 1903 shows a shrinkage of \$24,000,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAUSES ARREST OF IRONWORKERS FOR SUSPICIOUS CONDUCT

After Fire They Mounted Roof of Theater and It Is Alleged Destroyed Possible Evidence--Tell Poor Story.

Member of Council Committee Appointed to Investigate, States Not More Than 35 Per Cent of Playhouses Will Ever Be Able to Open Doors for Business--Coroner Prepares for Inquest--No Trial, He Says.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The committee composed of members of the city council appointed last night to investigate the condition of the local theaters held its first meeting today. According to the statement of Alderman Friedstedt, one of the members of the committee, it is doubtful if 35 per cent of the theaters will ever re-open their doors.

Late this afternoon attorneys of the fire department caused the arrest of four employes of the Fuller Construction Company, David Jones, masonry foreman, and Angus McKay, Otto Rausch and John Kingston, ironworkers.

It has been charged that Jones and his men broke the skylights on the theater after the fire in order to destroy possible evidence. It developed today that the skylights were blocked by scaffolding and tied with wire to prevent their opening. Jones, in making his statement to the fire department said:

"I took three ironworkers with me up through the adjoining building. First I removed the wooden scaffolding which blocked the skylights. Then I found the lights tied with wire inside and broke two panes of glass to get at the wires to untie them. I finally got the wires off and opened the lights."

Jones was asked why he went to the roof of the theater, and replied he had been told that the north wall had cracked in during the fire and went to see if it was true.

"Why did you take three ironworkers with you to inspect a brick wall?" asked Attorney Fulkerson of the fire department. Jones was confused but finally answered that the men went with him through curiosity.

Numerous witnesses who were in adjoining buildings overlooking the

theater testified that the skylights were not open during the fire.

Coroner Traeger said tonight he was almost ready for the inquest which will commence Thursday morning.

"I wish it understood," he said, "this is not a trial, but simply an investigation to determine the facts of the fire. The coroner's jury will not attempt to fix the blame, nor will it recommend punishment of anybody."

DECISION FOR DEFENDANTS.

Suit Involving Large Sum Settled in Stratton's Favor.

Denver, Jan. 5.—In the case of the Independence Mining Company, of London, against the executors of the estate of the late Winfield S. Stratton, the Cripple Creek millionaire, claiming \$6,000,000 damages for the alleged mining of the Independence mine before its sale to the English company, Judge Riner, in the United States court this afternoon, decided for the defendants.

Widow Commits Suicide.

Attleboro, Mass., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Jennie Gay, a widow who formerly lived here but who of late has made her home in Chicago, was found dead in a room at the Park hotel with a bullet hole in her head. An unsealed note addressed to the Medical Examiner stated that the woman had committed suicide. No reason for the act was assigned.

Receiver For Jacob Beck.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 5.—A receiver was appointed today for Jacob Beck who, in 1892 expended more than \$150,000 in building in this city one of the finest theaters on the coast. Assets, \$225,000; liabilities, \$98,000.

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